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**GROUP 3700****FIRST AMENDMENT**

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed May 23, 2003. Please amend the claims as set forth on the following pages 2-6. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7.